To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOHN A. HAY and CHARLES E. DIXON, citizens of the United States, residing at New Philadelphia, in the county of Tuscarawas and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Holsters and Supporting Belts, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

The invention relates to revolver holsters and supporting belts therefor, and has for its object to provide a holster formed from a sheet of relatively thick leather having its lower end outwardly bent for forming the bottom of a muzzle receiving pocket, and to provide adjacent the upper end of the member a horizontally disposed hook formed from spring metal and adapted to spring over a revolver adjacent the cylinder thereof, and hold the revolver in position where it may be easily and quickly removed from the holster without the sight thereof hanging in the holster.

A further object is to provide the holster with a belt adapted to encircle the waist of the operator, and to provide an upwardly extending shoulder engaging strap for supporting the holster from the shoulder and at a substantially right angle to the belt, thereby forming a substantially rigid support for the holster to hold the same against movement during a revolver removing operation.

With the above and other objects in view the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts as hereinafter set forth, shown in the drawings, described and claimed, it being understood that changes in the precise embodiment of the invention may be made within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the holster and its supporting belt.

Figure 2 is a vertical sectional view taken on line 2-2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a horizontal sectional view taken through the muzzle receiving pocket on line 3-3 of Figure 1.

Figure 4 is a horizontal sectional view taken on line 4-4 of Figure 1, showing the revolving engaging spring hook partly in section and partly in elevation.

Referring to the drawings, the numeral 1 designates a relatively stiff member formed from leather, the lower end of which member is bent outwardly at 2 thereby forming a horizontally disposed bottom 3 for a muzzle receiving pocket 4, which pocket receives the muzzle of a revolver when the same is disposed in the holster. The pocket 4 is formed by the bottom 3 and the U-shaped leather member 5, which member is stitched at 6 to the bottom 3 and the opposite edges of the member 1. Extending through a vertically disposed slot 7 in the member 1 adjacent its upper end is the arm 8 of a horizontally disposed revolver receiving hook 9, which hook is formed from spring metal and is preferably provided with a leather covering 10 for preventing scratching or marring of the finish on the revolver when the same is being placed in position or removed therefrom. Hook 9 is held in place by means of rivets 11 which pass through the arm 8 of the hook and through the member 1, however the end 12 of the hook is forwardly disposed so that the weaver may grasp the handle 13 of the revolver 14 and pull the same quickly out of the holster, which action will spring the end 13 of the hook 9 in the direction of the arrow a, thereby allowing a quick drawing 85 of the revolver without danger of the sight of the muzzle catching in the holster. The holster as a whole is mounted on a belt 15, which is adapted to encircle the waist of the weaver and be secured thereon by means of the buckle 16, the tongue 17 of which may be passed through any of the apertures 18 of the belt. The belt 15 passes under straps 19 on the inner face of the relatively stiff member 1, and said straps by being spaced apart as shown prevent forward or rearward tilting of the holster as a whole and maintain the same substantially in a vertical position. It will be noted that there is a spring gripping of the revolver 14, and hence during a drawing operation there will be a forward pull on the holder as a whole. To additionally hold the holster against movement and at the same time take the weight of the revolver from the hip, a shoulder, engaging strap 20 is provided, which strap has its ends 21 and 22 secured to the upper end of the relatively stiff member 1 at 23 and 24, thus it will be seen that when the strap 20 is over the shoulder, and
the member 1 supported on the belt 15, that during a revolver drawing operation the member forming the holster will be substantially rigidly held and the revolver withdrawing operation may be quickly and positively accomplished.

From the above it will be seen that a holster is provided which is particularly adapted for use by policemen and other officers of the law, and one which is simple in construction and may be cheaply manufactured. It will also be seen that the relatively stiff member 1 has formed integrally therewith the bottom 3 of the muzzle receiving socket 4, thereby allowing the device to be cheaply constructed, and a great amount of leather has been eliminated which additionally reduces the cost of construction.

The invention having been set forth what is claimed as new and useful is:

1. A revolver holster comprising a sheet of relatively stiff material, a muzzle receiving pocket at the lower end of said sheet of material, said pocket being formed by a right angled integral portion of the sheet of material, a U-shaped relatively stiff member having its lower end secured to the right angled integral portion and its vertical side to the front and rear edges of the sheet of material, a horizontally disposed spring hook disposed above said pocket and secured to the sheet of material and forming means for engaging and holding a revolver, a belt whereby said holster may be supported, said belt being secured to the rear side of the sheet of material in registration with the horizontally disposed spring hook.

2. A revolver holster comprising a sheet of relatively stiff material, a pocket formed at the lower end thereof for the reception of the revolver muzzle, a horizontally disposed spring hook having one of its arms secured to the sheet of material, said hook being disposed above the muzzle receiving pocket and adapted to receive and frictionally hold a revolver and a belt slidably connected to the sheet of material in registration with the spring hook and forming means for rigidly holding the holster and hook against tilting movement during the removal of the revolver.

3. The combination with a revolver holster having a muzzle engaging pocket at its lower end and a horizontally disposed revolver engaging and holding hook adjacent its upper end, of a belt extending through spaced loops located forwardly and rearwardly of the hook on the rear side of the holster and in substantial registration with the hook and forming means for rigidly holding the hook and holster against tilting from a horizontal plane when the revolver is removed from the hook, and a shoulder engaging strap adapted to extend over the shoulder of the wearer, said strap having its ends secured to the upper end of the holster at points spaced from its center.

In testimony whereof we hereunto affix our signatures.

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